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In the Specification:

Please amend page 1, lines 11-13 as follows:

During fracture repair, pluripotent stem cells (ostcogenic progenitors) differentiate into osteoblasts and form callus. Bone morphogen[[et]]ic proteins (BMPs) are known to initiate cartilage and bone progenitor cell differentiation and to induce bone formation.